

January 21, 2018

Grow in a group this season! Sign ups are happening through January 28th! If you've been thinking about taking a next step of faith, join a group! Visit the groups table at ACCESS or mpcc.org/groups to sign up for one of these two types:

- **Community Groups** - Our primary group type where members practice "doing life" together. These groups have rhythms of worship, discipleship, and mission. Most groups will launch the first week of February. Pick up a listing for options!
- **Freedom** - A powerful and engaging eight week presentation of truth led by Pastor Alan that will challenge you and move you into freedom. Freedom kicks off Wednesday, February 7th.

Here are a few specialized Community Group options this season:

- **Financial Peace University** is a biblical based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God's way. The leaders and videos featuring Dave Ramsey make it fun and engaging to talk about potentially stressful issues like finances and budgets. Meeting Wednesday nights starting February 7th!
- **GriefShare** is a friendly, caring group of people who walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare is meeting on Sundays at 1:30 pm.
- **Fresh Start Divorce Group.** Recovering from the pain of divorce is not easy – you don't have to do it alone. Fresh Start features biblical insights and practical tools needed to recover from the trauma of divorce. This series is beneficial regardless of where you may find yourself: in the process, recently divorced, or dealing with lingering issues long after. Meets on Wednesday nights.

2017 Tax Giving Statements. You can print your giving statement directly from our online church software, CCB. Stop by ACCESS or contact the office at (989) 773-3641 if you have any questions or issues.

Stay Connected

Be sure to fill out a **Connection Card**, available in the seat in front of you, to let us know you worshipped with us. You can also submit a prayer request, ask for information, or update your contact information on the card.

Giving is an act of worship and there are several ways you can participate: cash or check in the offering, online at mpcc.org/give to give once or setup recurring gifts, or text 'mpccgive' to 77977. Thanks for your ministry partnership!

There are many ways to stay connected at Community Church! Visit us online at mpcc.org, follow us on **Facebook**, or pick up a **Hot Sheet** at ACCESS for more information about the announcements above and other happenings.

Last Week

Attendance: 1525

8 Months YTD Giving: \$1,006,494

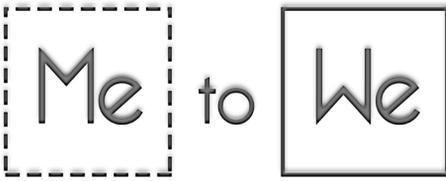
8 Months YTD Budget: \$933,335

8 Months YTD Expense: \$895,972

Worship • Sundays at 8:30 am, 10:15 am, and Noon
kidLife • Infants through 6th grade • During worship
studentLife • Jr & Sr High • Sunday Nights • 6 - 8 pm
uLife • College age • Tuesdays • 7 - 9 pm
Momentum • Young Professionals • Mondays • 7 pm

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Pastors: Wally Hostetter and Alan Cullen



Week 2: Generosity
Acts 20:35

Less Generous

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More Generous

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Message Notes, Scripture, & Questions
can also be found on the
YouVersion Bible App under Events.



Digging Deeper: Group Questions & Personal Reflection

1. In Acts 20, Paul is saying farewell to the Ephesian church. Read Acts 20:32-37. Why do we struggle to truly believe Acts 20:35 and / or live accordingly?
2. Do you have a scarcity mindset or an abundance mindset? How has this played out in your life / marriage / finances / habits?
3. Isaiah 32: 8 (NLT) talks about planning to be generous. Have a hypothetical discussion about what this could look like for you.
4. We talked about Community Groups engaging in UP/IN/OUT. Can you define those terms together? Most importantly, please take some time for prayer and discussion – how might the Holy Spirit lead your community group to have an ‘OUT’ expression in this community. If you don’t have a specific missional focus as a group, discuss possibilities as you move forward.